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Total Volume of 1953 Food Crops Again Is Near Record Level; Output of Fruits Reported Below Last Year and Below Average

For the second consecutive year the total volume of crops produced in the United States has been near record level, according to the year-end crop report issued December 17 by the Agricultural Marketing Service of the USDA. The 1953 volume of crops was practically the same as the 1952 production, which was the second largest of record. The 1953 volume was produced despite a severe drought in a large part of the country. As in 1952, acreage was smaller than average but yields per acre were at a record high.

Record production was reported for oranges, cranberries, commercial vegetables for fresh market, rice, sugar cane, and tung nuts. Commercial vegetables for processing showed a larger over-all production than average. Near average crops of flax seed, peaches, pears, and grapefruit were produced.

During the early part of the growing season, crops generally made good progress, but in late June prospects declined because of a widespread shortage of soil moisture which later became a major drought in some Central and Southwest areas. As the season progressed the drought continued and the stricken area expanded in all directions. The drought began early and was of longer duration in portions of Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, and New Mexico. Missouri, northern Arkansas, and adjacent portions in other states, an area that was drought stricken in 1952, again was seriously affected in late June. The Virginia-Carolina area also was stricken.

Vegetables

A record 10.1 million tons of commercially grown vegetables for fresh market were produced in the 1953 season. This tonnage is 6 percent larger than that of last year and 7 percent above average. Increases in spring and summer seasons were most marked. Favorable fall weather resulted in production that exceeded preharvest indications. Contributing to the big total were record tonnages of cantaloupe, celery, sweet corn, lettuce, green peppers, and watermelons,

and also marked increases over last year in cabbages and onions.

For processing, about 6.55 million tons were produced, 2 percent less than in 1952 but 16 percent above the average for the 10 years 1942-51. The 1.80 million acres of these crops compares with 1.82 million acres in 1952 and the average of 1.86 million acres. The 1953 crops were valued at \$274 million, the same as in 1952 but well above the average of \$213 million. Outturns of asparagus and spinach were the only crops below average. Wisconsin leads in acreage of processing vegetables, while California leads in both production and value.

Fruits

Nearly 8.2 million tons of the major deciduous fruits were produced in 1953, 5 percent less than in 1952 and 9 percent below average. Production of all except cherries and apricots were below average, with grapes the farthest below. The apple crop was about the same as last year's small crop, largely because of a dry season

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International Tin Agreement

The draft of an intergovernmental agreement intended to stabilize the price of tin was approved at Geneva December 9 by the United Nations Conference on Tin.

The agreement would establish an International Tin Council, with headquarters in London, authorized to buy when the world market price is below the floor price fixed by the agreement and to sell when the market price is high.

To become effective, the agreement requires ratification between March 1 and June 30, 1954, by the governments of at least 5 of the 6 major tin-producing countries and at least 9 of the 18 major tin-consuming countries.

The voting strength of the producing and consuming groups under the agreement would be equal, each with 1,000 votes. The United States would have 490 votes.

Hearing Scheduled on 7(b)(3) Exemption of Citrus Industry

A petition has been filed by the Florida Council of Citrus Workers Unions, A. F. of L., for revocation of the seasonal industry determinations under section 7(b)(3) of the Fair Labor Standards Act which apply to the handling, packing, storing, preparing in their raw or natural state, first processing or canning of perishable or seasonal fresh fruits or vegetables and to the dehydration of citrus pulp and waste in the States of Florida and Texas, to the extent that they apply to citrus fruit operations in Florida.

Notice is given in the *Federal Register* of December 24 that the Wage and Hour Division of the Labor Department has scheduled a public hearing to be held at the Chamber of Commerce Auditorium in Tampa on February 10, 1954, at 10 a.m. for the purpose of receiving evidence and hearing arguments on the following questions:

"(1) Whether the handling, packing, storing, preparing in their raw or natural state, first processing or canning of citrus fruit in the State of Florida, or any of these operations separately, constitute a branch or branches of an industry separable from the industry performing such operations on perishable or seasonal fresh fruits or vegetables generally.

"(2) Whether such citrus operations in Florida, if separable from operations on other fresh fruits and vegetables, constitute a branch or branches of an industry separable from citrus operations in other parts of the United States.

"(3) Whether operations performed on any particular kind of citrus fruit constitute a branch of an industry separable from operations performed on other kinds.

"(4) Whether the dehydrating of citrus pulp in the State of Florida is separable from the dehydrating operations in Texas.

"(5) Whether the handling, packing, storing, preparing in their raw or natural state, first processing or canning of citrus fruit, or any particular kind of citrus fruit, or the dehydration of citrus pulp and waste, or any one or more of these operations

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Schedule of Principal Events of the 1954 Convention

(Subject to Revision and Addition)

Wednesday, January 20

- 2 p.m.—Meeting of N.C.A. Labeling Technical Advisory Subcommittee, Chippendale Room, Hotel Traymore
- 6:30 p.m.—Meeting of N.C.A. Home Economics Committee, Pine Room, Hotel Traymore

Thursday, January 21

- 9:30 a.m.—Meeting of N.C.A. Budget Committee, Club Room, Hotel Traymore
- 12:30 p.m.—Meeting of N.C.A. Administrative Council, Club Room, Hotel Traymore

Friday, January 22

- 10 a.m.—Meeting of N.C.A. Board of Directors, Rose Room, Hotel Traymore
- 12 m.—Luncheon Meeting, C.M.&S.A. Board of Directors, West Room, Claridge Hotel
- 12:30 p.m.—Luncheon Meeting, N.C.A. Board of Directors, Rose Room, Hotel Traymore
- 12:30 p.m.—Luncheon Meeting, N.C.A. Convention Committee, Rose Room, Hotel Traymore
- 1:30 p.m.—Meeting of N.C.A. Labeling Technical Committee, Pine Room, Hotel Traymore
- 5 p.m.—Meeting of N.C.A. Labeling Committee, Chippendale Room, Hotel Traymore
- 5 p.m.—Annual Meeting of The Forty Niners, Board Room, Claridge Hotel
- 6 p.m.—Cocktail Party for The Forty Niners, Park Lounge, Claridge Hotel
- 6:30 p.m.—Dinner for State Secretaries, Mandarin Room, Hotel Traymore
- 7 p.m.—Dinner, N.C.A. Labeling Committee, Pine Room, Hotel Traymore
- 7:30 p.m.—Past Presidents Dinner, Canning Machinery and Supplies Association, West Room, Claridge Hotel
- 8 p.m.—Meeting of N.C.A. Resolutions Committee, Chippendale Room, Hotel Traymore

Saturday, January 23

- 9 a.m.—Meeting of N.C.A. Nominating Committee, Rose Room, Hotel Traymore
- 9:30 a.m.—Business Meeting (morning session) of National Food Brokers Association, Grand Ballroom, Convention Hall
- 10 a.m.—N.C.A. Annual Meeting (Opening Session), American Room, Hotel Traymore
- 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.—Canning Machinery and Supplies Exhibit, Convention Hall
- 12:30 p.m.—Meeting of N.C.A. Claims Committee, Pine Room, Hotel Traymore
- 2 p.m.—N.C.A. Annual Meeting (Closing Session), American Room, Hotel Traymore
- 2 p.m.—Business Meeting (afternoon session) of National Food Brokers Association, Grand Ballroom, Convention Hall
- 5 p.m.—Drawings for attendance awards, Canning Machinery and Supplies Association, Convention Hall
- 6 p.m.—Old Guard Cocktail Party, West Room and Park Lounge, Claridge Hotel
- 6:30 p.m.—Meeting of N.C.A. Raw Products Committee and Technical Advisory Committee, Chippendale Room, Hotel Traymore
- 7 p.m.—Old Guard Buffet Supper, Trimble Hall, Claridge Hotel
- 8 p.m.—N.C.A. Research Advisory Council Smoker, Club Room, Hotel Traymore

Sunday, January 24

- 8:30 a.m.—Meeting of N.C.A. Legislative Committee, Club Room, Hotel Traymore
- 9 a.m.—Meeting of N.C.A. Statistics Committee, Sun Deck, Hotel Traymore
- 9:30 a.m.—N.C.A. Canning Problems Conference, Rose Room, Hotel Traymore
- 10:30 a.m.—Annual Meeting, Canning Machinery and Supplies Association, Room B, Convention Hall
- 1-5:30 p.m.—Canning Machinery and Supplies Exhibit, Convention Hall
- 2 p.m.—N.C.A. Marketing Session, American Room, Hotel Traymore
- 2 p.m.—N.C.A. Fishery Products Conference, Stratosphere Room, Hotel Traymore
- 2 p.m.—N.C.A. Raw Products Conference, Rose Room, Hotel Traymore
- 5 p.m.—Drawings for attendance awards, Canning Machinery and Supplies Association, Convention Hall
- 8:30 p.m.—An Evening of Music by Fred Waring, sponsored by the Canning Machinery and Supplies Association, Warner Theater, Boardwalk

Monday, January 25

- 9 a.m.—N.C.A. Raw Products Conference, Rose Room, Hotel Traymore
- 9:30 a.m.—N.C.A. Canning Problems Conference, American Room, Hotel Traymore
- 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.—Canning Machinery and Supplies Exhibit, Convention Hall
- 11 a.m.—N.C.A. Joint Laboratory and Raw Products Conference, American Room, Hotel Traymore
- 2 p.m.—N.C.A. Canning Problems Conference, Room B, Convention Hall
- 2 p.m.—Raw Products Conference, Rose Room, Hotel Traymore
- 2 p.m.—N.C.A. Marketing Session, American Room, Hotel Traymore
- 4 p.m.—Meeting of N.C.A. Fishery Products Committee, Pine Room, Hotel Traymore
- 5 p.m.—Drawings for attendance awards, Canning Machinery and Supplies Association, Convention Hall
- 7 p.m.—N.F.B.A. Annual Banquet, Grand Ballroom, Convention Hall
- 7:30 p.m.—Young Guard Banquet and Entertainment, American Room, Hotel Traymore

Tuesday, January 26

- 9 a.m.—Meeting of Prune Juice Committee, Pine Room, Hotel Traymore
- 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.—Canning Machinery and Supplies Exhibit, Convention Hall
- 5 p.m.—Drawings for attendance awards, Canning Machinery and Supplies Association, Convention Hall
- 7:30 p.m.—Captain's Dinner (dinner dance), sponsored by Canning Machinery and Supplies Association, Chalfonte Hotel
- 9 p.m.—Shore Party, sponsored by Canning Machinery and Supplies Association, Haddon Hall

Wednesday, January 27

- 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Canning Machinery and Supplies Exhibit, Convention Hall
- 3 p.m.—Drawings for attendance awards, Canning Machinery and Supplies Association, Convention Hall

PERSONNEL

Ohio Cannery Association

The Ohio Cannery Association elected the following officers recently at the association's annual convention:

President—E. E. Richard, H. J. Heinz Co., Bowling Green; first vice president—George Connelly, Winorr Canning Co., Wauseon; second vice president—Karl Hirzel, Hirzel Canning Co., Toledo; secretary-treasurer—Paul Hinkle, Celina (reelected).

STATISTICS

1953 Pack of Sweet Cherries

The 1953 pack of canned sweet cherries totaled 1,539,985 actual cases as compared with the 1952 pack of 1,811,925 cases, according to a report by the N.C.A. Division of Statistics.

State	1952	1953
	(actual cases)	
Michigan.....	191,109	110,031
Utah.....	20,020	(*)
Washington and Oregon....	667,499	872,715
California.....	898,935	532,890
Other states.....	34,362	24,349
U. S. Total.....	1,811,925	1,539,985

* Included in other states.

1953 Pack of Peaches

The 1953 pack of canned peaches totaled 24,212,709 actual cases as compared with the 1952 pack of 21,596,906 cases, according to a report by the N.C.A. Division of Statistics.

On the basis of 24/2½, the 1953 pack amounted to 21,100,289 cases compared with 19,334,481 cases in 1952.

Stocks of Canned Fruits on Dec. 1 and Season Shipments

Reports on canners' stocks and shipments of canned apples, applesauce, apricots, RSP cherries, sweet cherries, and peaches have been issued by the

State	1952	1953
	(actual cases)	
Michigan.....	402,157	212,027
Southeast.....	432,981	488,031
Washington and Oregon....	881,932	682,140
California.....	19,732,839	22,708,145
Other states.....	146,947	122,366
U. S. Total.....	21,596,906	24,212,709

1953 Pack of Apricots

The 1953 pack of canned apricots totaled 5,827,380 actual cases as compared with the 1952 pack of 4,674,653 cases, according to a report by the N.C.A. Division of Statistics.

State	1952	1953
	(actual cases)	
Utah.....	39,722	(*)
Washington and Oregon....	55,468	44,767
California.....	4,559,951	5,775,150
Other states.....	19,512	7,463
U. S. Total.....	4,674,653	5,827,380

* Included in other states.

1953 Pack of Pumpkin and Squash

The 1953 pack of canned pumpkin and squash totaled 2,546,443 actual cases as compared with the 1952 pack of 4,449,018 cases, according to a report by the N.C.A. Division of Statistics.

State	1952	1953
	(actual cases)	
New York and Maine.....	487,525	207,308
Md., Del., and N. J.....	379,903	77,559
Ohio.....	299,855	98,290
Indiana.....	375,910	90,808
Illinois.....	1,266,913	950,262
Iowa and Nebraska.....	(*)	(*)
Western states ^b	1,095,403	792,516
Other states ^c	543,599	329,700
U. S. Total.....	4,449,018	2,546,443

* Included in other states. ^b Calif., Colo., Idaho, Mont., Ore., Utah, and Wash. ^c Iowa, Mich., Minn., Nebr., Pa., Tenn., and Va.

1953 Pack of Lima Beans

The 1953 pack of canned fresh lima beans totaled 3,377,230 actual cases as compared with the 1952 pack of 2,568,692 cases, according to a report by the N.C.A. Division of Statistics.

On the basis of 24/2, the 1953 pack amounted to 3,085,000 cases as compared with 2,316,000 cases in 1952.

Region	1952	1953
	(actual cases)	
Maryland and Delaware....	828,746	1,040,757
Eastern states.....	344,574	597,042
Midwest and Western states	1,395,372	1,739,431
U. S. Total.....	2,568,692	3,377,230

Eastern states include Ark., Ga., Mich., N. Y., Ohio, Pa., Tenn., and Va. Midwest and Western states include Calif., Colo., Ill., Ind., Minn., Texas, Utah, Wash., and Wis.

Pack of Canned Meat

The quantity of meat canned and meat products processed under federal inspection during the month of November has been reported by the Bureau of Animal Industry, USDA. However, this report represents only the supply of meat products canned during that period and remaining for civilian consumption. Total production, including quantities for defense, was 246,198 thousand pounds.

Canned Meat and Meat Products Processed under Federal Inspection November, 1953

	3 Lbs. & over	Under 3 Lbs.	Total
	(in thousands of pounds)		
Luncheon meat.....	18,555	16,393	34,948
Canned hams.....	26,540	658	27,198
Corned beef hash.....	291	8,254	8,545
Chili con carne.....	1,329	11,653	12,982
Vienna sausage.....	201	3,415	3,616
Frankfurters and wieners in brine.....	5	707	711
Deviled ham.....		384	384
Other potted and deviled meat products.....		3,943	3,943
Tamales.....	356	3,770	4,126
Sliced, dried beef.....	34	498	532
Liver products.....		202	202
Meat stew.....	273	9,077	9,350
Spaghetti meat products.....	198	5,414	5,612
Tongue (not pickled).....	75	416	492
Vinegar pickled products.....	1,280	1,876	3,156
Bulk sausage.....		779	779
Hamburger.....	49	33,155	33,204
Soups.....	2,261	59,203	61,464
Sausage in oil.....	455	293	748
Tripe.....		358	358
Brains.....		476	476
Bacon.....	35	240	275
All other products 20% or more meat.....	402	9,777	10,180
All other products less than 20% meat (except soup).....	401	12,159	12,560
Total all products.....	52,745	185,100	237,845

Columns do not add to totals shown in all cases since rounded figures are used. Amounts packed for defense agencies are not included in these items. Total production, including quantities for defense agencies, was 246,198 thousand pounds.

Item	Carry-over month	Total Supply		Stocks, Dec. 1,		Season Shipments to Dec. 1,	
		1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953
		(thousands of cases)					
Apples (46/10)	Aug.	*3,392	*2,379	1,637	1,130	1,754	1,241
Applesauce	Aug.	*8,924	*9,408	4,902	4,758	4,021	4,651
Apricots (24/2½)	June	4,625	5,425	1,981	2,742	2,644	2,683
Cherries, RSP	July	4,105	3,062	1,410	1,776	2,695	2,186
Cherries, sweet (24/2½)	June	1,420	1,322	695	655	725	667
Peaches (24/2½)	June	23,233	24,252	10,134	12,828	13,099	11,424

* Supply on December 1.

Asparagus for Commercial Processing

State	Harvested Acreage		Production ¹		Price per Ton ¹	
	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953
	(acres)		(tons)		(dollars)	
New Jersey	17,700	18,800	10,470	20,680	242.00	237.00
Illinois	7,300	7,200	5,840	6,480	214.00	198.00
Michigan	7,000	7,300	7,000	4,750	238.00	278.00
Iowa	600	540	510	540	180.00	173.00
Delaware	1,050	1,300	940	910	255.00	242.00
Maryland	630	1,700	790	940	240.00	232.00
Washington	7,900	8,300	11,460	11,620	195.00	199.00
Oregon	230	230	320	330	192.00	189.00
California	44,400	41,700	48,840	45,870	192.00	177.00
Other states ²	1,900	2,170	1,610	1,060	277.00	277.00
Total all states	88,710	89,240	99,780	93,780	200.40	202.50

¹ Yield, production and price are on an "as sold" or "pay weight" basis for all states. ² Ark., Idaho, Ind., Minn., Mo., N. Y., Ohio, Pa., S. C., Utah, and Wis.

Green Lima Beans for Commercial Processing

State	Harvested Acreage		Production ¹		Price per Ton ¹	
	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953
	(acres)		(tons—shelled)		(dollars)	
New York	4,000	3,800	3,040	3,150	150.40	157.70
Pennsylvania	4,000	4,000	3,080	2,500	152.30	145.40
Ohio	470	550	190	220	102.70	100.00
Michigan	1,350	2,400	1,080	1,540	107.30	119.50
Wisconsin	6,900	8,200	5,350	6,400	145.60	136.50
Delaware	19,600	21,500	13,720	16,340	146.00	158.70
Maryland	3,200	5,000	2,260	3,000	119.00	134.00
Virginia	3,600	4,700	2,340	3,060	123.00	160.00
Washington	430	600	640	750	133.80	110.40
California	22,100	27,600	32,930	40,300	151.60	154.00
Other states ²	28,350	30,840	25,240	28,640	152.60	156.60
Total all states	94,000	109,190	89,830	105,900	148.40	153.00

For canning and other processing³..... 33,830 41,620 26,190 31,800 145.20 147.50
For freezing⁴..... 69,170 67,570 63,660 74,100 149.60 155.40

¹ Season-average price received by growers. The season falls in the calendar year. ² Ark., Colo., Idaho, Ill., Ind., Iowa, Kans., Minn., Mo., N. J., Okla., Ore., Tenn., and Utah. ³ Not shown by states to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Snap Beans for Commercial Processing

State	Harvested Acreage		Production ¹		Price per Ton ¹	
	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953
	(acres)		(tons)		(dollars)	
Maine	2,300	2,750	3,900	6,900	104.00	108.00
New York	28,500	33,600	51,300	57,100	125.60	126.40
Pennsylvania	5,000	6,100	9,000	11,600	124.20	133.00
Michigan	6,300	6,800	9,400	14,300	114.20	110.40
Wisconsin	12,800	13,700	21,800	23,300	114.40	113.80
Missouri	150	.....	100	.....	152.50	.....
Delaware	2,700	2,000	3,200	3,000	91.00	100.00
Maryland	9,400	11,000	15,000	17,600	98.60	105.30
Virginia	3,000	3,500	4,500	6,000	100.00	113.00
North Carolina	2,700	3,000	4,300	6,000	176.40	133.00
South Carolina	500	500	500	400	145.00	165.00
Georgia	200	200	200	200	170.00	160.00
Florida ²	7,200	17,300	10,470	29,980	114.80	135.60
Tennessee	4,900	6,300	5,900	12,000	169.00	133.40
Mississippi	1,000	1,800	900	1,100	95.50	115.00
Arkansas	3,600	1,500	3,200	1,000	157.50	132.00
Louisiana	650	700	500	500	93.00	97.00
Oklahoma	1,400	900	1,300	700	155.00	123.00
Texas	5,500	6,500	7,700	9,100	82.00	85.00
Colorado	1,400	1,500	5,000	5,400	90.50	95.70
Utah	500	420	2,400	1,800	108.60	105.20
Washington	1,900	1,800	8,400	7,600	114.60	118.50
Oregon	6,550	7,650	51,700	55,100	121.50	130.60
California	1,500	2,200	8,200	14,100	123.30	130.90
Other states ²	4,770	5,740	9,200	13,800	133.60	127.60
Total all states	114,420	137,520	238,070	298,580	120.20	122.80

¹ Season-average price received by growers. The season falls in the calendar year. ² Sum of estimates by seasonal groups. ³ Ala., Idaho, Ill., Ind., Iowa, Ky., Minn., Mont., Nebr., N. J., N. M., Ohio, Va., and Wyo.

Beets for Commercial Canning

State	Harvested Acreage		Production ¹		Price per Ton ¹	
	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953
	(acres)		(tons)		(dollars)	
New York	3,900	4,400	33,900	50,200	25.80	19.40
Michigan	670	760	5,100	7,400	20.60	17.50
Wisconsin	6,800	7,300	53,700	60,600	18.70	17.60
Oregon	1,000	1,150	14,000	16,100	25.10	23.50
Other states ²	2,730	2,810	17,600	19,800	22.80	23.20
Total all states	15,100	16,420	124,900	154,100	21.90	19.70

¹ Season-average price received by growers. The season falls in the calendar year. ² Calif., Colo., Ill., Ind., La., Mo., Md., Minn., N. J., Ohio, Pa., Tenn., Texas, Utah, and Wash.

Sweet Corn for Commercial Processing

State	Harvested Acreage		Production ¹		Price per Ton ¹	
	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953
	(acres)		(tons)		(dollars)	
Maine	9,100	9,700	23,700	35,900	30.00	30.20
New Hampshire	460	490	1,600	2,400	30.80	30.60
Vermont	780	810	2,300	2,500	25.20	25.10
New York	25,500	26,300	71,400	81,500	26.30	24.30
Pennsylvania	10,500	11,200	23,100	23,500	28.30	25.70
Ohio	15,000	13,200	37,500	35,600	21.90	20.90
Indiana	36,300	29,800	61,700	59,600	24.60	21.90
Illinois	65,200	67,300	202,100	215,400	25.70	24.30
Wisconsin	108,300	113,200	346,600	328,300	22.70	20.70
Minnesota	88,100	92,200	317,200	258,200	20.60	20.50
Iowa	29,300	26,800	93,800	72,400	22.00	21.20
Delaware	5,100	4,400	12,800	13,200	20.50	22.70
Maryland	33,900	38,000	71,200	83,600	24.40	24.50
Virginia	1,100	1,300	2,200	2,600	28.50	28.10
Idaho	9,500	12,300	47,500	57,800	26.50	25.40
Utah	6,000	6,400	23,400	28,800	25.70	25.00
Washington	15,700	19,800	81,600	93,100	26.90	26.80
Oregon	15,500	17,400	69,800	78,300	32.80	32.30
Other states ²	13,660	11,240	36,000	32,000	22.00	23.10
Total all states	489,000	501,840	1,526,100	1,504,700	23.90	23.30

¹ Tonnage in husk. ² Season-average price received by growers. The season falls in the calendar year. ³ Ark., Colo., Mich., Mont., Nebr., N. J., Okla., S. D., Tenn., Texas, and Wyo.

Green Peas for Commercial Processing

State	Harvested Acreage		Production ¹		Price per Ton ¹	
	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953
	(acres)		(tons—shelled)		(dollars)	
Maine	5,870	7,840	4,050	7,600	93.50	106.60
New York	22,560	22,700	17,210	20,200	101.30	110.30
Pennsylvania	14,200	14,800	12,140	17,690	102.30	107.60
Ohio	2,560	2,060	1,910	1,520	90.40	91.90
Indiana	2,500	1,960	2,190	1,840	102.30	80.40
Illinois	27,900	29,400	25,110	28,960	112.40	114.30
Michigan	5,800	5,640	3,510	3,860	103.60	86.60
Wisconsin	124,000	130,600	124,000	131,900	85.20	89.30
Minnesota	55,900	56,500	48,350	48,870	94.20	103.80
Iowa	5,100	3,300	3,670	2,510	112.60	102.50
Delaware	3,000	2,100	2,910	2,610	104.60	107.70
Maryland	7,600	9,100	7,980	9,740	90.90	95.80
Virginia	2,000	2,500	1,630	2,250	102.00	95.00
Idaho	8,800	8,100	11,750	9,640	94.80	86.40
Colorado	3,200	3,500	3,150	2,570	84.20	86.40
Utah	7,300	8,100	7,480	11,620	89.80	91.20
Washington	61,700	58,900	76,510	81,580	86.60	86.80
Oregon	48,800	46,400	56,120	54,980	88.00	91.00
California	9,600	10,000	14,640	12,700	68.70	78.90
Other states ²	7,130	7,200	8,080	8,900	104.00	97.20
Total all states	425,400	430,640	432,300	461,540	90.50	94.20

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¹ Season-average price received by growers. The season falls in the calendar year. ² Ark., Ga., Kans., Mo., Mont., Nebr., N. J., Okla., Tenn., W. Va., and Wyo. ³ Not shown by states to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Cabbage for Commercial Crop of Sauerkraut

State	Harvested Acreage		Production		Price per Ton ¹	
	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953
	(acres)		(tons)		(dollars)	
New York.....	7,000	5,500	90,300	90,800	23.20	12.40
Ohio.....	1,300	1,800	12,500	21,800	12.30	15.00
Indiana.....	1,100	1,200	4,400	7,900	15.20	15.70
Illinois.....	100	100	800	1,200	28.30	19.90
Michigan.....	260	260	2,800	3,000	12.50	14.80
Wisconsin.....	3,900	5,000	37,800	55,000	16.30	12.50
Minnesota.....	80	100	700	800	14.40	14.50
Colorado.....	160	100	1,000	1,900	12.60	15.20
Washington.....	270	250	4,100	4,000	15.60	17.60
Other states ²	2,260	2,770	22,000	25,500	19.90	16.30
Total all states.....	16,430	17,080	177,300	211,900	19.90	13.50

¹ Season-average price received by growers. The season falls in the calendar year. ² Fla., Iowa, Md., Mo., N. J., N. C., Ore., Pa., Tenn., Texas, Utah, and Va.

Tomatoes for Commercial Processing

State	Harvested Acreage		Production		Price per Ton ¹	
	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953
	(acres)		(tons)		(dollars)	
New York.....	18,800	16,600	230,900	176,000	33.20	30.90
New Jersey.....	34,000	27,700	187,000	299,200	34.60	33.30
Pennsylvania.....	26,100	24,800	177,500	208,300	34.40	30.90
Ohio.....	23,000	20,200 ¹	207,000	234,300	31.40	30.80
Indiana.....	48,000	33,800	288,000	304,200	30.00	28.60
Illinois.....	12,400	11,000	110,400	113,300	27.90	32.20
Michigan.....	8,100	7,000	66,400	76,300	29.00	30.40
Wisconsin.....	900	900	9,900	10,400	25.20	31.00
Iowa.....	1,400	1,600	11,500	10,900	30.50	30.40
Missouri.....	4,500	1,700	12,200	2,600	49.00	27.30
Delaware.....	6,000	3,300	31,200	26,700	41.80	35.20
Maryland.....	24,400	18,000	129,300	126,000	42.40	42.10
Virginia.....	16,000	13,400	54,400	42,900	40.20	26.70
South Carolina.....	300	400	500	800	35.00	33.00
Florida ²	6,500	6,700	28,650	28,430	27.70	24.00
Kentucky.....	1,200	1,200	3,100	5,600	40.00	29.90
Tennessee.....	2,000	500	4,000	900	40.00	30.00
Arkansas.....	4,800	2,000	14,400	4,000	51.00	28.30
Oklahoma.....	300	.....	300	.....	50.00	.....
Texas.....	12,000	8,000	21,600	8,000	30.00	17.00
Colorado.....	2,600	2,600	25,500	26,500	25.60	26.70
Utah.....	6,900	7,200	75,900	100,800	26.00	24.10
California.....	112,900	81,000	1,817,700	1,425,600	25.50	23.00
Other states ³	3,000	2,700	10,100	10,100	36.20	34.40
Total all states.....	376,100	292,300	3,523,450	3,241,830	29.10	27.50

¹ Season-average price received by growers. ² Sum of estimates by seasonal groups. ³ Ala., Ariz., Conn., Ga., Idaho, Kans., La., Minn., Miss., Nebr., N. M., N. C., Ore., Wash., and W. Va.

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in the East and a short growing season in the West. The peach harvest was slightly larger than in 1952. The pear crop was smaller than last year, despite a relatively good fall and winter outturn in the Pacific Coast states. More sour cherries were picked than last year, but less sweet cherries. Production of plums and prunes was larger than in 1952, and a large crop of apricots was harvested. Fig production was smaller than last year. The cranberry crop was a record. The olive crop was the smallest in several years. Tonnage of lemons and oranges is larger than in 1952, but the prospective output of grapefruit, while larger than last year, is below average because of the relatively small outturn in Texas.

Crop	1952		Percent change from 1952
	1952	1953	
	(thousands)		
Apples (bushels).....	92,489	92,584	...
East.....	38,790	38,097	...
West.....	38,777	36,025	...
Apricots (tons).....	177	240	+36
California.....	158	226	+43
Cherries, RSP (tons).....	118	134	+14
Great Lakes.....	110	126	...
Cherries, sweet (tons).....	100	91	- 9
West.....	83	78	...
Cranberries (bbls.).....	804	1,231	+53
Peaches (bushels).....	62,569	64,102	+ 2
Calif. freestone.....	11,251	10,584	...
Calif. clingstone.....	19,127	22,585	+18
Pears (bushels).....	30,947	29,065	- 6
Bartlett's, 3 states.....	20,373	17,495	...

Sweet Potatoes

The 1953 sweet potato production of almost 34 million bushels was 19 percent larger than the 1952 crop but 37 percent below the 1942-51 average. The national yield at 97 bushels an acre was 11 percent larger than the 1952 average. A substantially larger crop was produced in New Jersey and

Pimientos for Commercial Processing

State	Harvested Acreage		Production		Price per Ton ¹	
	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953
	(acres)		(tons)		(dollars)	
Georgia.....	13,000	20,000	9,800	22,400	80.00	100.00
Other states ²	2,290	5,900	2,590	10,130	80.00	100.00

¹ Season-average price received by growers. The season falls in the calendar year. ² Covers acreage contracted by Georgia processors in Ala., Fla., N. C., S. C., and Tenn.

Spinach for Commercial Processing

State and Seasonal Group	Harvested Acreage		Production		Price per Ton ¹	
	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953
	(acres)		(tons)		(dollars)	
Texas.....	5,000	4,500	7,000	6,800	63.00	45.00
California.....	9,000	8,400	57,500	56,300	25.70	25.70
Early Spring.....	8,000	7,000	51,200	48,300	25.40	25.50
Fall.....	1,000	1,400	6,300	8,000	28.00	27.00
Virginia.....	1,100	1,100	3,160	3,300	86.70	77.60
Late Spring.....	700	800	1,960	2,400	84.60	75.00
Fall.....	400	300	1,200	900	90.00	85.00
Maryland.....	1,020	1,300	3,040	2,920	77.30	69.20
Late Spring.....	1,220	1,000	2,320	2,500	76.30	65.60
Fall.....	400	300	720	420	80.00	90.00
New Jersey.....	1,000	1,000	10,400	5,500	105.00	90.00
Fall.....	2,000	(?)	12,700	(?)	33.50	(?)
New York.....	1,500	1,400	11,200	12,200	33.00	34.20
Late Spring.....	500	(?)	1,500	(?)	37.00	(?)
Fall.....	4,300	4,600	5,600	7,700	61.80	54.40
Arkansas.....	4,300	3,000	5,600	6,100	61.80	51.60
Late Spring.....	.....	1,000	.....	1,000	.....	65.00
Fall.....	4,700	4,800	8,500	9,300	56.00	47.40
Oklahoma.....	4,700	4,500	8,500	9,000	56.00	47.00
Late Spring.....	.....	300	.....	300	.....	60.00
Washington.....	420	540	3,120	4,100	39.70	32.70
Late Spring.....	170	210	1,020	1,430	49.00	40.00
Fall.....	250	330	2,100	2,670	35.00	29.00
Total 9 states.....	30,040	27,640	111,020	108,120	44.00	38.10
Winter and Spring.....	25,590	23,010	88,800	88,730	37.50	34.90
Fall.....	4,450	4,630	22,220	19,390	70.40	52.80

¹ Season-average price received by growers. ² Not shown to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

most of the South Atlantic states. Shipment of Louisiana sweet potatoes to fresh market has been at a slower rate than last season but movement to processors has been larger. North Carolina acreage was up considerably and its production was second only to Louisiana.

7(b)(3) Exemption

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in the State of Florida if separable as an industry or as a branch or branches of an industry, are of a seasonal nature within the meaning of section 7(b)(3) of the Fair Labor Standards Act and Part 526, as amended."

Any interested person may appear at the hearing to offer evidence provided that not later than February 3 such person shall file with the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division a notice of intention to appear.

Forthcoming Meetings

January 4-6—Northwest Cannery Association, Annual Convention, Multnomah Hotel, Portland, Ore.

January 7-8—Canners League of California, Annual Fruit and Vegetable Sample Cutting, Hotel Fairmont, San Francisco

January 7-8—Illinois Cannery Association and Illinois State Agricultural Experiment Station, Cannery and Fieldmen's Short Course, University of Illinois, Urbana

January 18-21—Canadian Food Processors Association, Annual Convention, Alpine Inn, Ste. Marguerite, P. Q.

January 18-20—Michigan Cannery Association and Michigan State Agricultural Experiment Station, Cannery and Fieldmen's Short Course, Michigan State College, East Lansing

January 19-22—National-American Wholesale Grocers Association, Annual Convention, Ambassador Hotel, Atlantic City, N. J.

January 21-22—National Pickle Packers Association, Winter Meeting, Roosevelt Hotel, New York City

January 23-27—National Cannery Association, 47th Annual Convention, together with National Food Brokers Association and Canning Machinery and Supplies Association, Atlantic City, N. J.

February 1-4—Indiana Cannery Association, Cannery and Fieldmen's Conference, Union Memorial Building, Purdue University, Lafayette

February 3-4—Minnesota Cannery Association, Seventh Annual Cannery and Fieldmen's Short Course, Leamington Hotel, Minneapolis

February 3-5—Pennsylvania Cannery Association and Pennsylvania State Agricultural Experiment Station, Cannery and Fieldmen's Short Course, Pennsylvania State College, State College

February 8-9—Tri-State Packers Association, Inc., and New Jersey State Agricultural Experiment Station, Cannery and Fieldmen's School, Rutgers University

February 9-10—New York State Cannery and Freezers Association, Inc., and New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, Cannery and Fieldmen's Short Course, New York Experiment Station, Geneva

February 10-11—Wisconsin Cannery Association and Wisconsin State Agricultural Experiment Station, Cannery and Fieldmen's Short Course, University of Wisconsin, Madison

February 15-16—Ohio Cannery Association and Ohio State Agricultural Experiment Station, Cannery and Fieldmen's Short Course, Ohio State University, Columbus

February 18-19—Iowa-Nebraska Cannery Association and Iowa State Agricultural Experiment Station, Cannery and Fieldmen's Short Course, Iowa State College, Ames

March 12-13—Utah Cannery Association, 42nd Annual Convention, Hotel Utah, Salt Lake City

March 15-16—Canners League of California, 50th Annual Directors Conference, Santa Barbara Biltmore, Santa Barbara

March 23—Wisconsin Canning Technology Conference, Babcock Hall, Madison

March 24—Wisconsin Cannery Safety Institute, Babcock Hall, Madison

May 11-12—Pennsylvania Cannery Association, 3rd Annual Sales Clinic, Galen Hall Hotel, near Reading

May 16-19—U. S. Wholesale Grocers Association, Convention and Exposition, Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, Mo.

DEATH

A. F. Dreyer

A. F. Dreyer, 68, secretary-treasurer of the Indiana Cannery Association for the past 11 years, died December 24 in an Indianapolis hospital following a stroke suffered in his office the day before.

Mr. Dreyer, who had entered the canning industry in 1903, was to have received his diamond pin, marking 50 years of service, at the Old Guard Society dinner scheduled for the next Convention.

Just prior to taking the office of Indiana secretary, Mr. Dreyer was Indiana district manager for Stokely Brothers, 1937-42, and before that was a vice president of the Vincennes Packing Corp. He was born in Sellersburg, Ind., September 6, 1885, and his first work in the canning industry was as a laborer with the former T. A. Snider Preserve Company.

PUBLICITY

Charm Magazine

"It has ceased to seem extraordinary to most of us that we can produce good meals in minutes. But it

took the food industry years of research to make such speed possible," says Charlotte Adams, food editor of *Charm* magazine. This begins her article entitled "22 Cans, Bottles, Jars, and Packages Made This Dinner" in the January issue of the magazine.

One of the four easy dinners, prepared in 20 or 30 minutes, is shown in color on the first page of the article. It uses canned bean and bacon soup, consomme, shrimp, and corn in the preparation. In the menus and preparation directions of the other three, the following canned foods are used: consomme, chicken, cream sauce, peas, onions, chopped apricots and apples, tomato juice, meat balls in gravy, and carrots.

Successful Farming

Two of the food articles in the January issue of *Successful Farming* magazine feature canned foods.

"The Best Cherry Pie We've Ever Eaten!" by Elizabeth Page, food editor, gives a prize-winning cherry pie recipe. The recipe, which uses canned cherries, is made by Georgia Lou Cramer, a 15-year-old of Idaville, Ind.

Another article, "Canned Fruit Favorites," gives a dessert recipe for each of the following canned fruits: peaches, pineapple, red sour pitted cherries, apricots, and blueberries.

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